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SUBJECT: GODR EXPELLS SACHA VOLMAN

SACHA VOLMAN, RUMANIAN- BORN U. S. CITIZEN AND PRD CONFIDANT  
WITH LONG AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRD LEADER JUAN BOSCH,  
WAS EXPelled FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON SATURDAY MORNING,  
APRIL

28. VOLMAN WAS PERSONALLY ESCORTED TO AEROVIAS QUISQUEYANAS  
FLIGHT

201 WHICH LEFT FOR SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, BY IMMIGRATION CHIEF  
GENERAL

(RET.) CESAR OLIVA GARCIA. NO OFFICIAL REASON WAS GIVEN FOR HIS  
EXPULSION.

VOLMAN TELEPHONED AN EMBASSY OFFICER AT 12:15 A. M. APRIL 28 TO SAY  
THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN VISITED AT HIS HOME BY THE HEAD OF THE  
SECRET SERVICE WHO COURTEOUSLY " INVITED" HIM TO GO TO CALL ON  
POLICE CHIEF GENERAL SALVADOR LLUBERES MONTAS. ACCORDING TO  
VOLMAN,

HE REFUSED AT THAT LATE HOUR TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRET SERVICE CHIEF  
WHO THEN LEFT, PROMISING TO RETURN AFTER CONSULTING WITH GEN.  
LLUBERES. HE DID NOT RETURN BUT LEFT BEHIND A CONTINGENT OF SECRET  
SERVICE AGENTS WHO KEPT VOLMAN UNDER VIRTUAL HOUSE ARREST DURING  
THE BALANCE OF THE NIGHT.

AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 A. M. APRIL 28, VOLMAN WAS NEXT VISITED  
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AT HIS HOME BY THE IMMIGRATION CHIEF WHO INVITED VOLMAN TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO HIS OFFICE AT LAS AMERICAS AIRPORT. AT ABOUT 9:15 A.M., VOLMAN AGAIN TELEPHONED EMBASSY OFFICER AND INDICATED A) THAT HE WAS BEING " UNOFFICIALLY DEPORTED", B) THAT THERE WERE NO RPT NO CHARGES OR ALLEGATIONS BEING MADE AGAINST HIM, AND C) THAT HE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE DR " UPON COMPLETION OF AN INVESTIGATION." HE CONFIRMED THE ABOVE POINTS ORALLY AT THE TIME HE MADE THEM WITH GENERAL OLIVA GARCIA WHO DID NOT, HOWEVER, INDICATE THE NATURE OF THE INVESTIGATION NOR HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE.

THE APRIL 28 AFTERNOON PRESS GAVE PROMINENT AND SENSATIONAL FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO VOLMAN'S EXPULSION.

COMMENT: THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE GODR'S ACTION AND ITS TIMING ARE NOT AT ALL CLEAR. NORMAL GODR CONTACTS HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNAVAILABLE TO EMBASSY FOR COMMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS. THE EMBASSY HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED BY A HIGH RANKING GODR OFFICIAL THAT VOLMAN WAS REPORTEDLY LINKED TO AN ANTI- BALAGUER CONSPIRACY INVOLVING YOUNG PRDERS, YOUNG REFORMISTAS, AND ELEMENTS

WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES. THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE VERACITY OF THIS VERSION WHICH SOUNDS, HOWEVER, HIGHLY IMPLAUSIBLE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT VOLMAN'S EXPULSION IS SOMEHOW LINKED TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S APRIL 27 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES SECRETARY AND NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF TO OFFER VOLMAN'S PERSONAL FRIEND, PRD LEADER JUAN BOSCH, " ALL GUARANTEES AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.... TO FACILITATE THE LEGITIMATE EXERCISE OF ALL HIS POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS," AN ACTION GIVEN WIDE PRESS PUBLICITY ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 28.

WHATEVER THE MOTIVE FOR VOLMAN'S EXPULSION, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE

ARE MANY SECTORS WITHIN THE GODR, INCLUDING THE MILITARY, WHO WERE CONCERNED AND ANNOYED WITH HIS CONTINUING DEEP PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL MATTERS, AND PARTICULARLY BY HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE PRD, THE CAAMANO FAMILY AND OTHERS FURTHER TO THE LEFT. WHETHER HIS EXPULSION IS LONG- TERM OR MERELY TEMPORARY AS A FORM OF HARASSMENT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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